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Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE FURNITURE BOARD.

NOTE.—This Determination on the 16th November, 1923, applied to the Metropolitan District as defined in the Factories and Shops Acts: the cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Sandringham, and Warrnambool; the town of Geelong West; the boroughs of Eaglehawk, Newtown and Chilwell, and Sebastopol.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Wages Board appointed to "determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person employed in wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any article of furniture, or in repairing any new or secondhand article of furniture, usually made or partly prepared by cabinetmakers, chair and couch makers, upholsterers, wood carvers, frenchpolishers, and wood turners," has made the following Determination, namely:—

(1) That on the 16th November, 1923, the last previous Determination shall be revoked and replaced by this Determination.

(2)

Apprentices.				Improvers.				Juvenile Workers.		All other Employees.			
WAGES.				WAGES.				WAGES.		WAGES.			
Per week of— 44 hours.				Per week of— 44 hours.				Per week of 44 hours.		Per week of 44 hours.			
Male.		Female.		Male.		Female.		s. d.		Males.			
s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.			s. d.			
1st year ..	15 0	..	..	1st year ..	21 8	..	..	1st year ..	17 0	Boult's carver or shaping .. 113 9			
1st 6 months ..	..	13 6	..	1st 6 months ..	..	19 6	..	2nd ..	27 6	machine operator .. 106 2			
2nd 6 ..	..	17 0	..	2nd 6 ..	..	24 5	..	3rd ..	36 0	All other machinists .. 93 2			
2nd year ..	22 0	22 0	..	2nd year ..	28 9	33 7	..	4th ..	48 0	Yardmen, timber stackers, or labourers .. 110 0			
3rd ..	30 0	31 6	..	3rd ..	43 4	39 0	..	5th ..	57 0	Females.			
4th ..	36 0	38 0	..	4th ..	57 5	..	..			Females .. 52 0			
5th ..	44 6	..	..	5th ..	68 3	..	..				
6th ..	54 0	..	..								
PROPORTION (by any employer).				PROPORTION (by any employer).									
<i>Males.</i>				<i>Males.</i>									
One male apprentice to every two or fraction of two male workers receiving not less than 93s. 2d. per week of 44 hours.				One male improver to ten									
				Two male improvers to fifteen									
				Three male improvers to twenty									
				And thereafter one additional male improver to every ten additional									
				<i>Females.</i>									
				One female improver to the first five female workers receiving not less than 52s. per week of 44 hours; and thereafter one additional female improver to every five additional such workers.									
<i>Females.</i>													
One female apprentice to every female worker receiving not less than 52s. per week of 44 hours.													
An indenture of apprenticeship prescribed was approved on 3rd February, 1912.													

(3) (a) Any person employed in wholly or partly preparing or manufacturing any article of furniture or in preparing any new or secondhand article of furniture shall be paid Sixpence per hour in addition to the lowest rate fixed by the Board, unless the following are provided by the employer, if required in the performance of the work :—Benches, wood or iron cramps over 2 ft. 6 in., hand screws (in excess of four), glue pots and glue brushes, and varnish brushes.

(b) Any employee engaged at frenchpolishing shall be supplied with all materials, including rags, brushes, and kit-box.

(4) DEFINITION OF A JUVENILE WORKER.—A juvenile worker is a person under 21 years of age (other than an apprentice or an improver) engaged in the following work :—

(a) Operating a sand-papery machine	} In connexion with the manufacture of kitchen chairs, made wholly of wood, or with machine-woven cane seats.
(b) Operating a trapping machine .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
(c) Operating a pinning machine .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
(d) Carrying turnery or wood for turnery .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
(e) Feeding an automatic lathe .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
(f) Varnishing or staining .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..
and							
(g) Carrying timber	} In connexion with the manufacture of furniture.
or							
(h) Looking after glue-pots	

(5) TIME OF BEGINNING AND ENDING WORK.—

Time of Beginning.	Time of Ending.
7.30 a.m. .. .. .	.. 12 noon on the day on which the half-holiday is observed, and
7.30 a.m. .. .. .	.. 5 p.m. on the other working days of the week.

(6) OVERTIME.—The following rates shall be paid for all work done :—

- (a) Outside the hours fixed as the times of beginning and ending work } Time and a half.
- (b) Within the hours fixed as the time of beginning and ending work in excess of 44 hours in any week }

(7) SPECIAL RATES.—Double time shall be the rate for all work done on New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Eight Hours Day (21st April), Christmas Day, or Boxing Day; but if any other day be by Act of Parliament or Proclamation substituted for any of the above-named holidays, the special rates shall only be payable for work done on the day so substituted.

(8) TIME WAGES.—Any person employed on time wages for less than the number of hours fixed for an ordinary week's work shall for each hour worked up to 22 hours be paid at the ordinary wages rate with an addition of forty per centum.

SAMUEL MAUGER,
Chairman.

W. PAUL WEIR,
Secretary.

Melbourne, 31st October, 1923.